

Budget Unit Brief

FY 2017

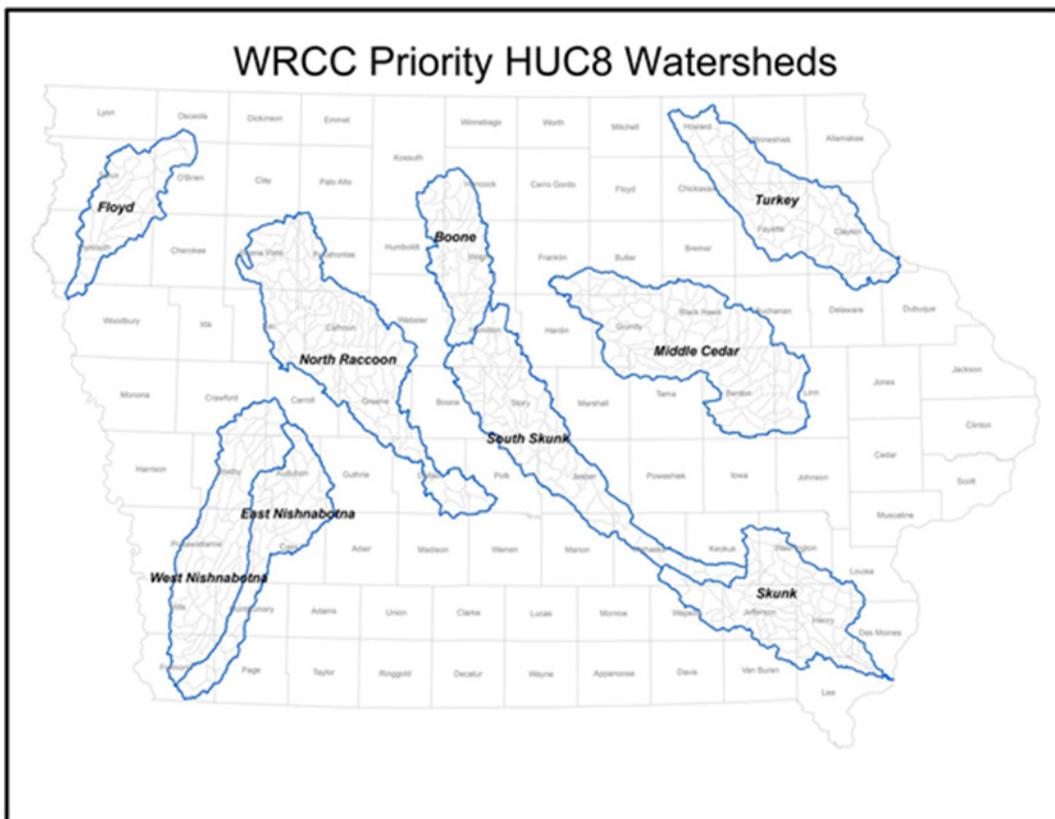


Water Quality Initiative

Purpose and History

The [Nutrient Reduction Strategy](#) report was introduced in November 2012, as a collaborative effort by the Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Iowa State University (ISU) to assess and reduce nutrients that flow into Iowa waters. The Water Quality Initiative Program was created in SF 435 (FY 2014 Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Act) with the goal to provide funding for watershed practices in high-priority watersheds as designated by the [Water Resources Coordinating Council](#) (WRCC). The Program is administered by the DALs. The Act also created the Iowa State University (ISU) [Nutrient Research Center](#) in Ames.

The map below identifies the high-priority watersheds at the HUC8 (Hydrologic Unit Code) level. A hydrologic unit code (HUC) is a measurement used by the federal Geological Survey to identify a hydrological feature such as a river, lake, or watershed. For additional information refer to the [United State Geological Survey](#) (USGS) website.



More Information

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

Cleanwater Iowa: <http://www.cleanwateriowa.org>

Division of Soil Conservation Programs: <http://www.iowaagriculture.gov/>

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Funding

The following table summarizes the appropriations to the Water Quality Initiative:

Water Quality Initiative Appropriations

Appropriation Description	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
DALS -- General Fund	\$ 10,000,000	\$2,400,000	\$ 440,000	\$ 4,400,000	\$ 4,400,000
DALS -- RIIF*	0	0	0	5,200,000	5,200,000
ISU Nutrient Research Cent	0	1,500,000	1,325,000	1,325,000	1,325,000
ISU Data Collection**	0	0	0	1,230,000	0
Total Appropriations	\$ 10,000,000	\$3,900,000	\$ 1,765,000	\$ 12,155,000	\$10,925,000

*FY 2016 appropriation included a \$450,000 allocation to ISU Nutrient Research Center and \$225,000 for FY 2017 from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF).

**One time funding from the Groundwater Protection to the ISU Nutrient Research Center.

Related Statute

Iowa Code section [466B.45](#)

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